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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
IN THE CPA DATED SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Dear Sir:

Filing of the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d) submitted earlier resulted in a Final Office Action dated September 4, 2002. The Examiner indicated that the CPA and preliminary remarks submitted on April 30, 2002 did not contain any amendments. As urged to the Examiner in prior papers and during a personal interview on October 13, 2001, Applicant is seeking an interference with respect to claims 17-34 pending here. Therefore, in the preliminary remarks submitted on April 30, 2002, Applicant urged "new" arguments addressing the issues raised by the Examiner. Nevertheless, despite the premature Final Office Action, Applicant again in an effort to continue prosecution, submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and this preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment, Applicant requests amendments to the specification and the drawings indicated below. In addition, Applicant requests the Examiner to consider remarks set

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